

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2015, 6:00 PM
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Jeff Schall, Grace LaPierre, Terry Oliver

Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Chad Miller, Director of EMS; PJ Cyr, Police Chief; Cagney Hatch, Mike Waddell, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Stanley Judge, Ted Wier, Michele Cormier, John Turner, Jo Carpenter

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Schall.

2. Appointments:

a) Select Boards from Randolph and Shelburne – Public Safety Contracts: Chairman Schall turned the table over to Randolph and Shelburne. Mr. Turner stated that the two Towns had worked together to come up with some suggested/requested changes to the proposed contract. He stated that they would rather work off of a three year average of calls rather than year-to-year so the consistency would be easier for budgeting purposes. Ms. Cormier stated that they would like to change the Agreement date to coincide with the Towns' budget years. January through March will be paid to Gorham separately for this year. Mr. Wier stated that they would like to take police coverage out of this agreement and handle that matter separately. Chief Cyr stated that he felt the police coverage needed to stay in this agreement because it is for services directly related to the safety of the employees of the Gorham EMS Department. Chief Cyr explained how he got to the \$250 per call fee. He stated that worst case scenario Gorham would charge a fee of \$349 for a call. The additional monies would only be billed if Gorham needed to call in an officer to cover Gorham while the other officer was in either Shelburne or Randolph. Ms. Behling stated that she is concerned about the fee for police coverage and noted that Shelburne's Fire Chief says that the Gorham Police Department has been responding with EMS for all calls lately. EMD Miller stated that he would need to check into that. EMD Miller reviewed the instances in which police whether State Troopers or Gorham PD may need to be called in for assistance. Both Select Boards for Shelburne and Randolph expressed their concern regarding the language in the Agreement which includes the wording "sole" discretion. They also asked if a protocol for procuring police coverage be included in the Agreement, however, they understand that there may be rare instances that do not fall into the listed protocol. Chairman Schall stated that while he can understand the need for protocol, the police coverage needs to be included in this Agreement. EMD Miller stated that he will rerun the numbers to include a three year call average. After further discussion between the Select Boards, it was agreed that Gorham will provide a list of protocol procedures for police assistance, the word "sole" will be removed from paragraph 3, the agreement will be based on a three-year call average, the wording "if needed" will be added to paragraph 3 as it relates to police assistance and the contract dates will change from a calendar year to April 1 – March 31. The first contract will be a 15 month contract. Shelburne and Randolph's Boards asked for this information/update by Friday, February 6th so it will be available for their budget hearings.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Jeff Schall

Grace LaPierre

Terry Oliver